†WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 14TH DECEMBER, 1992

Crash of Indian Air Force MI-8 Helicopter

*281. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some persons were killed following a crash of an I.A.F. MI-8 helicopter while on flight from Bombay High to Juhu helibase recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the outcome of the inquiry conducted by Government into the mishap; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) An IAF MI-8 helicopter, chartered by ONGC, crashed near Bombay High on 11-11-1992. Eight of the passengers and all four crew members were rescued whereas five of the passengers died in the crash. One passenger is missing.

(c) and (d) The Court of Inquiry is in progress. Action will be taken on the basis of the Court of Inquiry report.

†The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Monday, the 14th December, 1992 was cancelled. Answers to questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, the 16th December, 1992.

Entry of MNLs in food processing industries

*282. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1821 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is multinationals line up in the country hoping to carve out the slice of the food processed market in India.

(b) whether Government are aware that unorganized sector of indigenous processed food companies are facing hardship due to the multinationals coming into the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) After the recent liberalisation of Industrial Policy, some foreign companies have evinced interest for investment in India in processed food industries.

(b) and (c) This Ministry does not have any report of the adverse affect on the unorganized sector of indigenous processed food companies due to the entry of multi-nationals in the processed food sector in the country.

Manufacture of Spare Parts by Ordnance Factories

*283. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI J.S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain spare parts which were imported till now from Russia, would be produced indigenously by Ordnance factories; and

(b) whether Government have taken any decision in this regard and if so, the details thereof?